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I. Basis of the report
1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*
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These elements were remished to this Authority in the following language which is: the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).
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The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.
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v.	Reasoned statement under Article 3 citations and explanations supporting	55(2) with regard to no ng such statement	velty, inventive step or industrial applical	bility;
1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
		Claims		NO

Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 10-335727 A (Meidensha Corp.), 18
December 1998

Document 2: JP 2002-26434 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.), 25 January 2002

Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 77813/1980 (Laid-open No. 2667/1982), (Fuji Electric Co., Ltd.), 08 January 1982

Document 4: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 127157/1978 (Laid-open No. 43392/1980), (Meidensha Corp.), 21 March 1980

Document 5: JP 11-196671 A (Hamamatsu Photonics Kabushiki Kaisha), 27 July 1999

Claims 1-5

The feature wherein for each of the M number of light-emitting units, a conductive member that is electrically connected to the conductive part of a cooling water passage is positioned so that the member comes into contact with the cooling water and is separated from the inlet side end or the outlet side end of the

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aforementioned cooling water passage by a predetermined distance along the upstream or downstream direction of the water conveying pipes is not disclosed in documents 1-5 cited in the international search report, and is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.